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In re application of

Nobuyuki ISHIWATA et al.

Serial No. 09/204,222 GROUP 2754

Filed December 3, 1998 Examiner W. Klimowicz

MAGNETO-RESISTANCE EFFECT TYPE COMPOSITE HEAD AND PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF

AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of March 16, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 18-20.

R E M A R K S

Responsive to the requirement for restriction, applicants elect Group I, claims 1-17, drawn to apparatus, without traverse.

Method claims 18-20 are cancelled herewith, but may of course be made the subject of a divisional application to be filed at any time during the pendency of the present application.

An action on the merits of the elected claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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